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1. [redacted] Called George Gilbert, OMB, regarding S. 4140, which would establish a Task Force on Petrodollars. We had been requested to submit comments to the Senate Committee on Government Operations. Gilbert said it was not necessary for us to prepare comments since the 93rd Congress has ended. He is not forwarding to the Committee the comments he has already received on the bill from other Government agencies.

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2. [redacted] Received a call from Christine Clary in the office of Representative B. F. Sisk (D., Calif.), who said their office had received an inquiry from Fresno State University about a bulletin their placement office had received, advertising for mercenary soldiers and listing a reply address in Puerto Rico. In response to Miss Clary's question as to whether we might have information on the matter, I suggested she try the Department of State or the FBI since Puerto Rico is a protectorate.

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3. [redacted] Clark McFadden, General Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called and expressed interest in the two items which appear in the NID for the 31st and today on Vietnam. He asked if he could get copies of the texts of those articles; [redacted] is taking care of this.

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4. [redacted] Dropped by to see Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, and talked about plans for the Committee's hearings on the Agency's involvement in domestic intelligence. (See Memorandum for the Record for details.)

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25X1 5. [redacted] In response to a call from Ann Bolten, Administrative Assistant to Representative Edward J. Derwinski (R., Ill.), and I dropped by to see the Congressman. He said he will be traveling to the Interparliamentary Union meeting in Yugoslavia at the end of this month and would like a briefing on the situation there just prior to his departure. He said the group will also be visiting Egypt where they have been assured a meeting with Sadat, and are also planning to go to Algeria. He would like these areas also covered in a briefing which we will arrange around the 22nd or 23rd of this month. The Congressman expressed sympathy for the problems we are going through and in this connection commented that as the second ranking Minority member on the full Foreign Affairs Committee he will be a member of the new subcommittee which Chairman Thomas E. Morgan (D., Pa.) is appointing to receive the Director's briefings on covert activities related to foreign policy, as per the recent amendments to the Foreign Assistance Act. He said depending on the Democratic Caucus the subcommittee will consist of five Democrats and two Republicans, or seven Democrats and three Republicans. The five and two would be Representatives Morgan, Zablocki, Hays, Fountain, Fascell, plus Broomfield and Derwinski. The additional members making it seven and three would include Diggs and Nix, plus Buchanan. He added that Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass.) is going to be a problem since he will not be included in either of these groups. I said we are concerned about the security of the information involved, especially in view of House Rule 11, which permits access to any committee transcripts by any member of Congress.

25X1A 6. [redacted] [redacted] advised that he talked with Representative Jamie Whitten in Antigua and [redacted] trip to Puerto Rico for the purpose of briefing Whitten and Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, was cancelled by mutual agreement. Mr. Nelson, DDO, was advised. [redacted] LA Division, is sending a cable to [redacted]

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